



MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT

A SPECIAL REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF DARYL L. OSBY

INCIDENT:

Update to "Powerhouse Incident" 06/03/2013, at 12 noon (Assistance to Angeles National Forest)

TYPE OF INCIDENT:

Brush Fire

DISTRICT/LOCATION:

Fifth Supervisorial District
San Francisquito Canyon Road and Powerhouse Lateral, U.S. Forest Service
T.B. 4370 J1

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE:

Original Dispatch: Thursday May 30, 2013, 3:32 p.m.

INJURIES/FATALITIES:

Three firefighter injuries reported. All firefighters were treated on scene and released back to duty.

INVESTIGATION STATUS:

The cause of this incident remains unknown with firefighters still on scene.

INCIDENT UPDATE:

Fueled by 15-25 mile-per-hour winds, with gusts up to 40 miles per hour, the Powerhouse Fire is currently moving in a northwesterly direction and remains in the U.S. Forest Service jurisdiction within the Angeles National Forest. Our Department continues to assist. Forest officials are currently reporting 29,584 acres burned, with 40 percent containment. At this time, 2,185 firefighters are on scene battling this blaze. A total of eight structures have been destroyed, including six homes and two structures located at our Department's Lake Hughes Forestry Unit (the main building and the storage facility). More than 300 homes are currently being threatened in the community of Lake Hughes; 40 engines are prepared to protect those communities. Contingency plans are in place if more resources are needed. The American Red Cross has set up an evacuation center for displaced residents (details below); there are currently 150 residents at the shelter. There are no additional evacuation orders at this time, and not in the planning stage. Three firefighters (agencies unknown) were treated for minor injuries; all were treated on scene and released back to duty.

Shelter Information:

- A Red Cross evacuation center is located at Marie Kerr Park, 39700 30th St. W. Palmdale, 93551 for residents.
- Large Animal Shelter located at Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 5210 W. Avenue I, Lancaster, CA 93536 has been discontinued but will be put back in place should the need arise.
- Small Animal Lancaster Animal Shelter, 5210 W Avenue I, Lancaster, CA 93536 or Castaic Animal Shelter, 31044, Charlie Canyon Rd, Castaic, CA 913536.



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COUNTY FIRE RESOURCES:

County Fire resources currently assigned to this incident include: seven engine strike teams (consisting of five engines and one battalion chief each), two patrol strike teams (consisting of five patrols and one battalion chief each), six camp crew strike teams (consisting of two crews and one superintendent each), one water tender, four dozer teams, one fuel tender, three information officers, one command trailer, one mapping vehicle, six battalion chiefs, two assistant chiefs, two deputy chiefs, and the fire chief.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County Animal Control, Cal FIRE, La Verne Fire Department, Orange County Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Montecito Fire Protection District, Ventura County Fire Department, Beverly Hills Fire Department, Culver City Fire Department, Santa Monica Fire Department, Torrance Fire Department, Hermosa Beach Fire Department, Manhattan Beach Fire Department, Redondo Beach Fire Department, El Segundo Fire Department, Long Beach Fire Department, Newport Beach Fire Department, Lompoc Fire Department, Santa Barbara City Fire Department, Laguna Beach Fire Department, Anaheim Fire Department, Fullerton Fire Department, Brea Fire Department, Monterey Park Fire Department, Montebello Fire Department, West Covina Fire Department, Santa Fe Springs Fire Department, San Bernardino Fire Department, Glendale Fire Department, Sacramento Fire Department, City of Orange Fire Department, Fresno Fire Department, San Manuel Indian Fire Department, Big Bear Lake City Fire Department, San Marcos Fire Protection District, Chino Valley Independent Fire Protection District, Mountain Recreation Conservation Authority, Pasadena Fire Department, Carpinteria/Summerland Fire Protection District, and Vandenberg Air Force Base are all assisting on scene.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AT (323) 881-6180